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Sewer project has unexpected pricetag

Higher bids a surprise to some on city council

By David Dinell

Typically, an engineer's or architect's estimate is pretty close to what a city's project bids are. In the case of a sanitary sewer reha-

bilitation project in Bel Aire, the engineer's estimate wasn't even close — it was almost \$150,000 lower than the lowest bid.

"This one missed it badly," admitted Bel Aire city engineer Garrett Glaser as he explained the project and its cost to the city council at its Feb. 3 meeting.

Part one of the three-part project involves enlarging a 1,400-foot sewer line south of 45th North and west of Woodlawn from 12 to 15

inches.

"That line is running at capacity," City Manager Ty Lasher said.

It's also made of old-style clay, which is highly vulnerable to damage from tree roots.

The work also calls for wet well improvements at the 37th North and Harding lift station and rehabilitation to 12 manholes.

The city received three bids. They ranged from \$509,524 to \$611,663 for the work.

The estimate was for \$361,066. Nonetheless, Glaser and the council worked together to find a way to get the work underway. Trying to re-do the bidding wouldn't be productive, council members conceded.

"If we try and re-bid it, the contractors aren't going to change the bids," said council member Ken Lee.

The council did go with the low bid of Nowak Construction Co. of Goddard and its quote of \$509,524.

However, by also approving a change order with the same company for sewer rehab work in the amount of \$69,208, it brought the cost down to \$440,316.

The city is borrowing the money from the state under terms of a low interest loan of less than 2 percent, less than the cost of a bond, Lasher said.

Because of the way the funding

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Photos by Chris Strunk

Construction on East 37th North between Woodlawn and Oliver is expected to begin in spring 2016 and continue until the end of 2016. Final landscaping should be completed in 2017.

ROUGH ROAD

Bel Aire council approves 37th reconstruction



The one-mile stretch of 37th between Woodlawn and Oliver will be expanded from two lanes to three, resurfaced and finished with curb and gutter.

By David Dinell

By the end of 2016, a well-traveled section of East 37th North will have a whole new look.

The one-mile stretch of road between Woodlawn and Oliver will be expanded from two lanes to three, resurfaced and finished with curb and gutter. The project was given a green light from the Bel Aire City Council Feb. 17, which voted 5-0 to approve it.

Cost of the undertaking is pegged at about \$4.34 million. Under terms of a grant from

WAMPO, or the Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, WAMPO will provide 80 percent of the funds through federal money with Bel Aire and Wichita paying for the remaining 20 percent, or about \$695,000 each. Bel Aire will issue a bond for the expense, said City Manager Ty Lasher.

Construction is expected to begin in spring 2016 and continue until the end of 2016. Final landscaping should be completed in 2017, said Shawn Mellies, chief design engineer with the city of Wichita who made a presentation to the

council.

North Sedgwick County motorists are familiar with this stretch of road, where the traffic count and poor road surface have justified the project, officials say. On the west side is rapidly growing Koch Industries Inc., which has resulted in 37th being rebuilt in a gently curving fashion to the north of the property.

On the east side, is the booming intersection of 37th and Woodlawn, where commercial development has sprouted in recent years.

East of that intersection,

37th is five lanes wide, with two lanes in each direction and a middle turn lane. For west-bound motorists, they are met with the much older and narrower section of 37th, and thus forced to funnel to a two-lane road.

Also, along that stretch are a number of small businesses, churches and private residences, which can make turning a challenge, officials say, especially during rush hours. West of Oliver, motorists have a updated five-road road, two lanes in

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Help sought in homicide probe

Man killed in rural Park City

By Chris Strunk

As of late February, no arrests had been made in the February shooting death of a Tulsa man in rural Park City.

Sedgwick County sheriff's Lt. Lin Dehning said late last month that detectives were "actively investigating" the homicide but had no new information to release to the public.

On Feb. 15, a Sunday, a passerby discovered the man's body in the 3900 block of East 69th North, a rural, lightly used dirt road east of Hillside. Authorities were notified.

The man was later identified as Dale A. Childress, 56. An autopsy revealed that the cause of death appeared to be a gunshot wound.

Dehning said authorities believe Childress was shot where his body was found.

Detectives combed the area for clues and cleared the scene Feb. 17.

According to published reports, Tulsa police searched Childress' Tulsa home Feb. 18. Police reportedly said Childress knew a victim and a person arrested in connection with a double murder in Tulsa last fall.

Dehning said he couldn't comment on the Tulsa investigation.

However, he said Sedgwick County authorities are trying to determine who with whom Childress hung out.

"Once we develop associates," Dehning said, "we have the possibility of developing

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Elections set for council, mayor

By The Breeze staff

The April 7 city elections will feature races for Bel Aire City Council and mayor.

Mayor David Austin is seeking re-election to a second two-year term.

He will face challenger Andrew Uhlschmidt.

Also up for election are two at-large council seats held by Ken Lee and Betty Martine.

Martine and Lee have filed for re-election and will face challenges from Jeanette L.R. Clement, Michael Gordon, Jeff Oldenettel and Stephen Scholtz.

The top two vote-getters will win four-year terms.



Mayor's corner

By David Austin

Welcome to Bel Aire! Soon entry monument signs will be erected at city entrances. It is where we make our first impression to many soon-to-be new residents and businesses considering moving to our great community. I am pleased to announce that two of them have been privately funded and we have requests out for private funding for the rest.

The first one will be erected at 37th and Woodlawn.

I continue to be amazed at how many people visit Bel Aire either to look at a home, shop at one of our businesses or visit a park and not know they are even in Bel Aire. As we grow and promote our land and many opportunities available, we must put our best foot forward and let it be known we are Bel Aire and we are open for business.

The reaction has been overwhelmingly positive. These signs will replace the rotting older ones that have marked our city entrances for more than two decades. The new signs are being made by the same artist who created the much-loved welcome to the Flint hills signs.

I'm also happy to announce that Bel Aire has been named a Tree City USA designation for the 19th year in a row. This is no small accomplishment as very few cities in the United States can claim to have this designation for so many consecutive years. I want to thank our tree board who remain active and alert making Bel Aire a Tree City USA.

While I am thanking people, a big shout out to Bob Cook of Bob Cook Homes. Bel Aire recently participated in the popular Home Show utilizing a booth donated by Bob Cook. Volunteers staffed the booth for three days promoting our city and its available homes to many attendees.

Speaking of available homes, Bel Aire has secured the web domain belairenewhomes.net. This way when people are searching for new homes Google Ad words will direct searches to the site which is being paid for by the developers building in Bel Aire and showcase the new home plans. This is just another fantastic way to get the word out that we are open for business and a great place to call home.

Thanks again for giving me the honor of serving as your mayor. I wish you all a blessed spring filled with good health and warm afternoons.

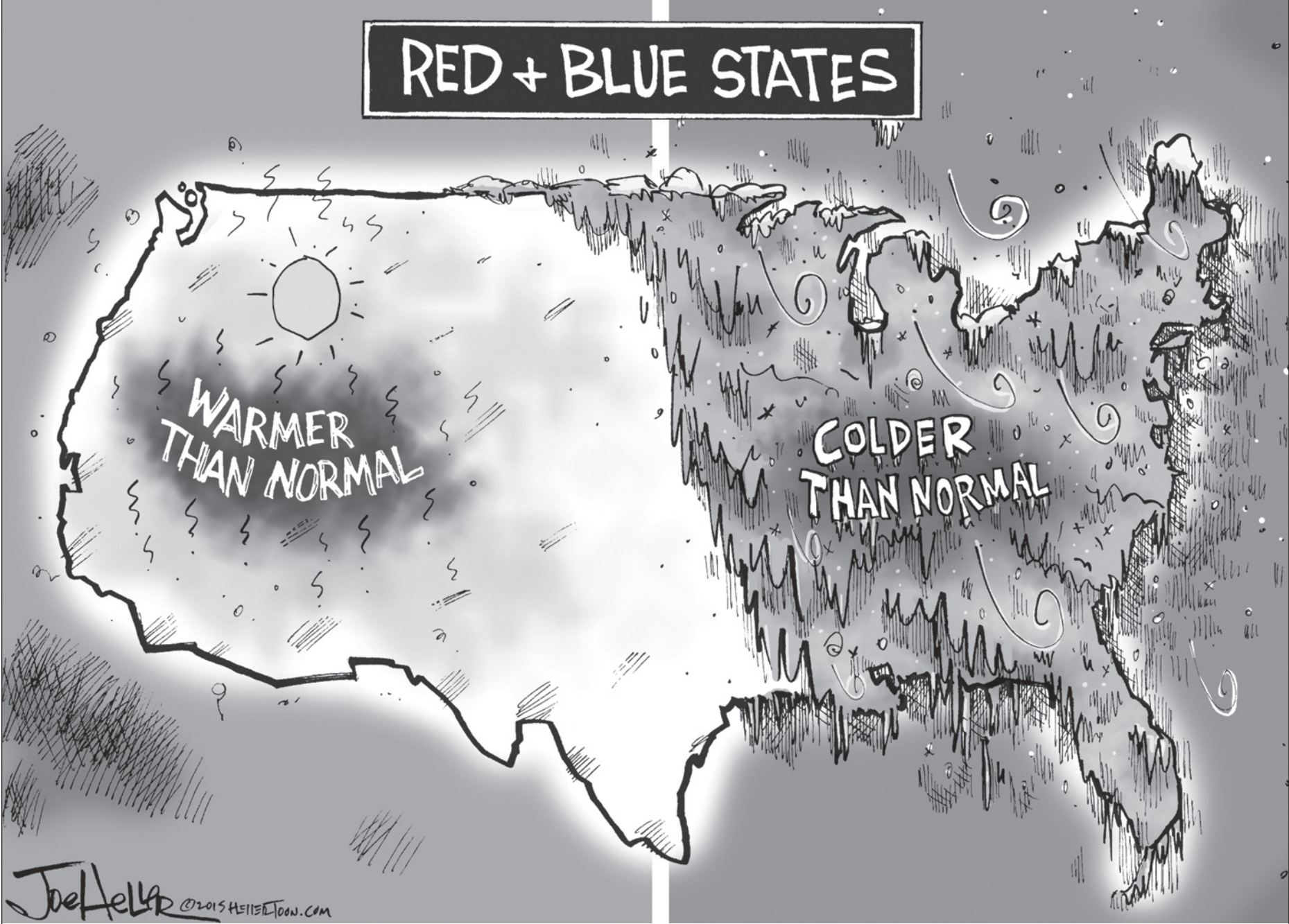
Speaking of warm afternoons, spring will be here before we know it. Bel Aire will host a severe weather safety meeting at 6:30 p.m. April 2 at city hall.

Before I go just one more reminder. If you haven't already downloaded the free City of Bel Aire app, it is available for free to all smart phones. In an effort to be more easily accessible to our citizens, Bel Aire has worked with My Community Mobile to create a City App that can be downloaded to any smart phone as more and more people utilize their smart phones for directions, social media, news, contacts, etc.

For this reason, the Bel Aire City Council felt it was important to stay in touch with our citizens through their smart phones. With this new app, you can see contact info for mayor, city council and city staff, the location of city parks and recreation, school locations and contact info and you can report an issue such as a streetlight that is out. You can even see a shop and dine section. So visit the app store on your smart phone.

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Congratulations due recreation supervisor

By Brian Hayes

City of Bel Aire Recreation Program Supervisor Drew Conwell has been named the 2015 Distinguished New Professional by the Kansas Recreation & Park Association.

This award goes to a KRPA member who has rendered outstanding service to any phase of the recreation and park profession on a local, state or national level. This award for those persons having served at least one year but not more than five years as a full-time employee in the park and recreation field. Drew has worked for the city in his current position for 3 years and 3 years part-time while in college before that.

Drew in his short time as Recreation Supervisor has restored passion and commitment to our programs. Programs were becoming stagnant and were beginning to decline in participation. Drew's personal passion and commitment to the community has in a short time restored some of what had been missing.

Several new programs have been offered as well dusting off several old ones. Drew makes it a point to know every participant and family by name and has become very visible in the community. Drew has become proficient in every aspect of the organization from facility maintenance to clerical duties while upholding the quality of programming. Bel Aire Rec has always held volunteers and spectators to a higher standard of behavior but Drew's efforts have taken this



Bel Aire Recreation program supervisor Drew Conwell (right) is presented with the 2014 Distinguished New Professional Award by director Brian Hayes. The award was presented on behalf of the Kansas Recreation and Park Association.

to the next level. Bel Aire Rec can honestly state that we are known in the area to provide quality programs with a high level of sportsmanship amongst its participants, volunteers, and spectators.

Although relatively new to the profession, Drew made it a point the past three years to get involved outside of our

organization. At a KRPA conference he attended a session on the Hershey's Track & Field Games. Being a former track star him-

self he wanted to get involved. He joined the state committee and has assisted with nearby local and state meets. In 2013 he was asked to help chaperone the Kansas delegation to the national meet. All of this was done during our busiest time of the year and was able to pull it off without missing a step. I know the Hershey trip was a lifetime experience for him listening to the stories after he got home.

He has also shared his experience with the community through local media and has given several presentations to groups and service clubs in the area.

As I stated earlier, Drew's passion for what he does is exemplary and something that I haven't seen very often in

my 26 years in the profession. Drew's ability to connect with the participants, volunteers, and families makes the Bel Aire Recreation community proud that Drew is part of their lives.

Brian Hayes is Bel Aire Recreation director.

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GARAGE SALE VALLEY CENTER

PEOPLE HIGHLIGHTS

Andrew Hild of Bel Aire will play the role of Horatio in Newman University’s production of “Hamlet” in three evening performance and one matinee. Performances will be at 8 p.m. March 5 and 6 and at 2 p.m. March 8. All performances will be in Performance Hall, inside the De Mat-tias Fine Arts Center, on the Newman campus.

Tickets for all performances are \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors and Newman University faculty and staff, and \$5 for non-Newman students. Tickets may be purchased at the door before each performance.

Shanetta Porter of Wichita graduated in December 2014 from Southwestern College with a master of education degree in curriculum and instruction. She is now eligible to participate in commencement exercises May 10 in Winfield.

Southwestern College is a private institution granting undergraduate and graduate degrees and is affiliated with the United Methodist Church. About 1,700 students attend classes at the main Winfield campus, at six professional studies sites in Kansas and Oklahoma, or online around the world.

Hillary Hunsinger of Bel Aire and Ginger Pond of Valley Center were named to fall 2014 semester honor rolls at Pittsburg State University. Hunsinger, a senior majoring in early/late childhood, was named to the

All-A scholastic honors list. To do this, she completed at least 12 semester hours, received a grade of A in all credit course work and have no grade of I in any course during the semester.

Pond, a senior majoring in biology, was named to the Dean’s scholastic honors list. To do this, she completed at least 12 semester hours, received a grade point average of 3.6 for all credit course and have no grade lower than a B and no grade of I in any course during the semester.

Hutchinson Community College has announced its honor rolls for the fall 2014 semester.

The following area students achieved at least a 3.5 grade point average for the semester and were named to the Vice President’s Honor Roll: John Hawkinson and Tiffany Laveist of Bel Aire; Erin Abel of Kechi; Glenn Allen, Cory Moody, Elena Soto, Phylicia Stamp and Joshua Zimmerman, all of Valley Center.

The following area students achieved a 4.0 grade point average for the semester and were named to the President’s Honor Roll: Zachary Jacobs of Park City; and Caleb Clark, Lucas May, Torre Thompson, Brittany Thorne, Noah Wuest and Michala Zimmerman, all of Valley Center.

Fort Hays State University named Steven Nelson of Park City as a College of Business and Entrepreneurship Honor Scholar for the fall 2014

semester. Nelson, a senior majoring in management, earned a 4.0 grade point average during the semester. He was also named to the Dean’s Honor Roll for the semester.

Ryan Scott Hendricks of Kechi, a junior in mechanical engineering at Missouri University of Science and Technology in Rolla, Mo., has been named to the school’s honor list for the fall 2014 semester. In order to be named to this list, a student must have carried a minimum of 12 hours and earned a minimum 3.2 grade point average.

Molly Wierman, an English and French major from Wichita, has been named to the University of Dallas Dean’s List for the fall 2014 semester for earning a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

The following area students (listed by degree, major and areas of concentration) completed associate, bachelor’s or graduate degrees from Fort Hays State university in the fall 2014 semester:

From Bel Aire: Kersten Corinne Zauche, a master of science in instructional technology. From Valley Center: Alicyn Jacqueline Kidd, a bachelor of business administration in management. From Wichita: Gail Ann Keller-Cox, a bachelor of science in nursing, and Shanna Ann Carter, a bachelor of arts in sociology.

Three area students have

been accepted into the 2015 “Who’s who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges” from Fort Hays State University.

From Park City are Lindsey Louise Fry, a senior majoring in tourism and hospitality management, and Steven Frank Nelson, a senior majoring in management. From Valley Center is Cynthia Marie Curry, a senior majoring in elementary education.

Several area students completed degree requirements at Wichita State University in the fall semester of 2014. They are listed by name, degree, major field and any honors received.

From Valley Center: Claire E. Balthazor, bachelor’s in health science, magna cum laude; Ashlee R. Brown, bachelor’s in nursing, cum laude; Courtney B. Caliguiro, master’s in teaching; Dana C. Fraser, bachelor’s in nursing, magna cum laude; Amber M. Freeman, bachelor’s in accounting; Tanner D. Harpool, bachelor’s in mechanical engineering, summa cum laude; Audrey D. Richards, bachelor’s in accounting, cum laude; Marie E. Schurter, bachelor’s in management; Brittany R. Taylor, bachelor’s in international business; Jessica Taylor, master’s in teaching; James C. Thorne, bachelor’s in finance; Brian A. Turley, bachelor’s in geology; Amanda L. Westerman, bachelor’s in marketing; Logan B.

Wiebe, bachelor’s in business administration, cum laude.

From Bel Aire: Brad E. Boulware, master’s in business administration.

Undergraduate students who attained a grade point average of 3.9 out of a possible 4.0 received the summa cum laude award; those with an average of 3.55 received the magna cum laude award; and those with an average of 3.25 received the cum laude.

Wichita State University announced the names of more than 2,300 students who were on the Dean’s Honor Roll for fall 2014 semester. Students on this list must be enrolled in at least 12 credit hours and earn at least a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Bel Aire students on the honor roll include: Naif A. Alahmadi, Amanda M. Colliatie, Elizabeth A. Harp, Kara A. Heizelman, Zachary O. Howell, Brooke C. Johnston, Daniel A. Lee, Michael A. Lee, Jacob E. Norris and Haley M. Turner. Valley Center students on the honor roll include: Kara L. Albright, Lauren M. Aspenson, Josiah C. Avery, Claire E. Balthazor, Hannah M. Barbour, Caleb P. Barnes, Blade W. Black, Jacob K. Brittain, Ajay H. Carpenter, Haleigh L. Courtney, Crystal R. Davis, Ashlyn A. Driskill, Colton S. Durham, Julie A. Ghery, Bret L. Gordon, Logan R. Harpool, Tanner D. Harpool, Amy N. Heilman, William R. Horn, Branda N.

Horsch, Samantha C. Jones, Ashley M. Kovarik, Tamara L. LeMonnier, Brady D. Lund, Taylor M. Manfull, Sydney D. Matthews, David W. McAdam, Lindsay R. McCormick, Stephanie D. Merritt, Rebecca A. Newton, Madison M. Orr, Connor L. Park, Blake E. Peniston, Arthur L. Reese, Alexa J. Schultz, Isaac J. Schurter, Seth O. Sherwood, Casey M. Shotwell, Megan M. Shotwell, Lori L. Sidwell, Georgianne S. Simpson, Lauren N. Stoffel, Christopher D. Thacker, Dale M. Thompson, Tamra K. Thompson, Brittany R. Valentine, Logan B. Wiebe, Makayla D. Williams, Mika K. Williams and Sarah A. Wolfe.

Two area students have been recognized by Benedictine College in Atchison for distinguishing themselves academically during the fall semester 2014.

Lauren Pfeifer of Bel Aire was named to the President’s List, and Erin Coulter of Wichita was named to the Dean’s List.

To make the President’s List, students must carry a minimum of 12 credit hours and have a perfect 4.0 grade point average. To achieve the honor, a student must carry a minimum of 12 credit hours and a grade point average of 3.5 or above per semester.

Of the 1,854 students on campus for the 2014-2015 academic year, 110 made the President’s List and 528 made the Dean’s List.

CHURCH HIGHLIGHTS

Christ Lutheran Church

Christ Lutheran is located at 53rd Street North and Hillside, across from Wichita Heights High School. Worship service is at 9 a.m. (contemporary) and 11 a.m. (traditional). Communion is offered at both services. Sunday School is at 10:15 a.m. For more information about the church and its activities, find the church online at www.christ-lutheran.org or call 744-1242. Pastor Chad Langdon is the minister.

Church of the Resurrection

Church of the Resurrection (Roman Catholic) is located at 4910 N. Woodlawn in Bel Aire. Masses for the Lord’s Day are 5:30 p.m. Saturday, and at 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday. Weekday Masses are 8 a.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; and at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday. Resurrection Catholic School has students from preschool through eighth grade. The parish/school Website is www.resurrectionwichita.com, and the telephone number is 744-2776. The Rev. James F. Weldon is the pastor.

Community Bible Chapel

Community Bible Chapel is located at the corner of 45th North and Arlene. Please call Amy Smith at 316-323-2819 with any questions.

Fairmount United Church of Christ

The church welcomes a new minister, the Rev. Larry Young. Visit the newly renovated building at 1605 Fairmount in Wichita, one block south and one block east of Hillside and 17th North. Sunday worship is at 10:30 a.m. which includes children’s church. Sunday school begins at 9:30 a.m. For more information, call 682-1597 or visit at www.fairmountuccc.org.

Gospel Assembly Church

Located at 4230 N. Oliver in Bel Aire, service times are 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday. Prayer service is at 7 p.m. Tuesday. Praise and worship is at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday. The first Saturday evening of each month are youth activities. Phone number is 744-1502. The Rev. Gary D. Green is the pastor. **Greenwich United Methodist Church** Sunday worship service at 9 a.m. with fellowship and coffee afterward. Pastor Jeff Miller can be reached at 744-0203. Senior Day is at 10 a.m. the first

Tuesday of each month.

United Methodist Women meet at 1 p.m. the first Thursday of each month. Movie night is at 6:30 p.m. the second Saturday of each month. A snack is served.

The church is located about a mile south of K-254 on Greenwich Road. The phone number is 744-0203.

Kechi United Methodist Church

You are invited to worship at 9:03 a.m. (contemporary service) or 11:00 a.m. (traditional service) Sundays at Kechi United Methodist Church, 4533 E. 61st North in Kechi. All sixth- through 12th-grade youth are invited to the church at 4 p.m. Sundays for youth group. CareGivers Support group meets at 7 p.m. the first Monday of the month in the basement parlor. Bingo is at 1 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month. Everyone is welcome to join in. Find us at www.KechiUMC.org and “Like” us on Facebook. Pastor Mitch can be contacted at Mitch@kechiuimc.org or by calling 744-1221.

LifePoint Church

A fellowship of the Assemblies of God, LifePoint is located at 400 S. Abilene, Valley Center. Sunday worship service and Kids Church are at 10:30 a.m., and Life University/Sunday school for all ages is at 9 a.m. No regular Sunday night service. For special activities, see the Website at www.lpcag.org. Wednesday evening is the Launch children’s program at 6:30 p.m. Velocisty Student Ministries for youth meets at 6:30 p.m. Adult small groups meet throughout the community. Senior pastor is Steve Rains. Youth pastor is Jacob Soyev. Children’s pastor is Nathaniel Thurman. The phone number is 755-2331.

Risen Savior Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod

Contemporary Sunday worship services are at 8 and 10:30 a.m. Communion is the first and third Sunday. Adult Sunday School and Bible class meet at 9:15 a.m. with children’s church at 10:30. A nursery is provided during Bible class and second service.

Their are two weekly sessions of Lifetree Café in Valley Center: Thursday at 1 p.m., with Lunch at noon, at the Community Building, 316 E. Clay, and Sunday at 5 p.m. at the home of Pastor Terry and Barb Wiechman, 1241 S. Park Ave. Lifetree Café is a “conversation café” — a place and time for people to gather weekly to experience stories and talk about thought-provoking topics relating to life and faith.

Wednesday Evening Ministries is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. There are activities for all ages. A nursery will be available for preschool age children. King’s Kids is for children in K through fifth grade. Confirmation class is for children in grades six through eight. IMPACT! is for grades nine through 12. There will also be adult Bible classes available.

Risen Savior Preschool classes for 3- to 5-year-olds are Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 to 11:45 a.m. Enrollment forms and information are available at the church office. Please contact Michelle Peshek, Director/Lead Teacher, with questions at michellep@risensavior.net or call the church office at 683-5538. The church is located at 6770 E. 34th North in Wichita. The phone number is 683-5538 and the Website is www.risensaviorwichita.net. Senior pastor is Tom Harmon.

St. Michael’s Orthodox Christian Church Saint Michael’s Orthodox Christian Church is located at 2710 E. 61st North, Park City, KS 67219. It is a congregation of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America. “The disciples were first called Christians at Antioch.” (Acts 11:26). Saint Michael’s is a western rite congregation using the Liturgy of Saint

Gregory. It is the only western rite Orthodox Church in the state of Kansas. Join us for our worship of the Holy Trinity using the ancient and beautiful liturgy of the Undivided Church.

Sunday Adult class at 9 a.m. is “Jesus: The Man, the Message and the Meaning.” Men’s Group will meet at 7 p.m. March 2 and 16.

Women’s Bible study group meets at 10 a.m. March 13 and 27 and will study God’s Plan for Sanity.

Wednesday our service is at 6 p.m.; Saturday Vespers are at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday Liturgy is at 6 p.m. We are studying the Life and Ministry of the Prophet Elijah in February.

Holy Days for March are: March 1, first Sunday in Lent; March 10, Holy Forty Martyrs of Sebaste; March 17, Saint Patrick; March 20, Saint Cuthbert; March 25, the Annunciation of the Theotokos, March 27, Saint John Damascene; and March 30, Saint John Climacus.

Fasting during February and March: All Wednesdays and fasting and abstinence on all Fridays. Fasting and Abstinence throughout the season, except Sundays.

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Call the church for more information 734-6248 or visit our website at www.saintmichaelorthodoxchurch.com.

We still have Western Orthodox Calendars for 2015. These beautiful calendars have photos of our patriarchal cathedrals throughout the world and list all the Fast and Feasts observed by our church. They are now half price at \$5. Call 734-6248 if you are interested.

Inquirers and Catechumen Class are held at 5 p.m. the first and second Tuesday of the month. If you are interested in an introduction to the faith and practice of the Holy Orthodox Church, please feel free to join us. Upcoming classes are March 10 and 24.

Email inquiries to jflora@cox.net.

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Wichita Three Angels Seventh-Day Adventist Church

The church is located at 4558 N. Hydraulic Wichita, KS 67219. The pastor is Nathan Stearman. The Sabbath school is at 9:30 a.m. Worship service is at 11 a.m. For more information find us at www.godsclot.com, on Facebook, email eric@godsclot.com, or call 530-1040.

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HIGHLIGHTS

Forum March 19 at rec center

The Bel Aire Seniors Club will sponsor “Meet Your Candidate Night” at 7 p.m. March 19 at the Bel Aire Recreation Center, 5251 E. 48th North.

Each city council and mayoral candidate has been invited to attend.

Candidates will be given three minutes each to introduce themselves, and the remaining time will be devoted to questions from the audience.

At the end of questions, each candidate will be given one minute to conclude their remarks.

The public is encouraged to attend.

— The Breeze staff

Citywide sales June 25-27

The dates have been set for the Bel Aire citywide garage sales.

The Bel Aire City Council established June 25 through 27 as the sales period and waived garage sale permit fees for those days.

Council member Betty Martine expressed concern about the heat at that time of year, but City Manager Ty Lasher said the days were selected to not be in competition with other city garage sale days and to be close to Bel Aire’s cleanup day.

The annual Bel Aire Community Cleanup Day has been set for July 11.

— The Breeze staff

Easter egg hunt Set for March 28

Bel Aire will host its annual Easter egg hunt at 4:30 p.m. March 28 at the Bel Aire Recreation Center, 5251 E. 48th North.

Some 2,000 to 2,500 eggs will be available for children to find. Local businesses have also contributed a variety of prizes for the event.

— The Breeze staff

Start of Bluml trial postponed

The start of the first-degree murder trial for Tony Bluml was delayed this week.

Set to begin Feb. 23, the trial was continued. However, a new date was not set, the Sedgwick County District Attorney’s Office said.

Bluml is charged in connection with the shooting deaths of Roger and Melissa Bluml in 2013.

Also charged in the case is Kisha Schaberg, Tony Bluml’s birth mother. A status conference is scheduled for April 24 in the Sedgwick County courtroom of Judge Jeffrey Goering. Attorneys and prosecutors are expected to discuss trial dates at that time.

Drew Ellington, a third defendant in the case, has a jury trial set for March 30.

Braden Smith, a fourth defendant, has already agreed to plead guilty and testify in the case in exchange for a lighter sentence.

— Chris Strunk

Fire forces hotel evacuation

The Best Western Hotel in Park City was evacuated and a room was damaged by a fire Feb. 8. No one was hurt.

Sedgwick County fire crews were called to the hotel at 915 E. 53rd North about 10:30 a.m.

Fire marshal Daniel Wegner said the fire was contained to Room 179. Cause of the fire was not released.

“It’s still under investigation,” Wegner said. “We have an idea and a theory.”

Wegner said the hotel’s alarm system activated, security guards and Park City police evacuated the hotel and fire-fighters were quickly notified, giving them a chance to extinguish the fire before it spread to other rooms.

Guests on the east side of the building were allowed to return to the hotel soon after the fire was extinguished. Occupants nearer the affected room had to stay out longer.

Guests in Room 179 had just checked out of the hotel before the fire was reported, Wegner said.

Damage to the room was significant, Park City police said.

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Man arrested after chase, crash

A Denver man was arrested after a police pursuit ended in a crash Feb. 7 in north Sedgwick County.

The chase started when a Sedgwick County sheriff’s deputy stopped a green 2006 Chrysler Pacifica for a tag violation in the southbound lanes of I-135 north of the 85th interchange about 2 a.m.

Lt. Lin Dehning with the Sedgwick County Sheriff’s Office said when the deputy asked the driver to get out of the vehicle, the driver acted like he was going to comply, but put the vehicle into drive and sped away instead.

The vehicle exited the highway at 85th and traveled east.

The vehicle struck a culvert east of Oliver and overturned. The driver was thrown from the vehicle.

Dehning said the collision was so violent that the vehicle’s motor was separated from the vehicle and found about 100 yards away.

The suspect, Desmond Antwine, 39, was taken to a hospital and was treated and released. Authorities then booked him into the Sedgwick County Jail on charges of possession of narcotics with intent to distribute, possession of drug paraphernalia, no tax stamp, and fleeing and eluding law enforcement officers and on a felony warrant out of Nevada, Dehning said.

Park City police assisted the sheriff’s office by checking the I-135 and 85th interchange for packages of illegal drugs that might have been thrown out of the vehicle during the pursuit.

— Chris Strunk

Driver’s ed sessions set

Sessions of the Valley Center school district’s driver’s education program will be June 1 through 19 and June 22 through July 13. Enrollment for current high school students will be March 23 and 27. Open enrollment will be March 30 and April 1.

Cost of \$175 per student has not changed.

— The Breeze staff

DEATHS

GARY FARMER
Gary Lee Farmer, age 81, died Feb. 20, 2015. He was retired after 43 years as an equipment manager for Martin K. Eby Construction Company.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Kansas (Scroggins) Farmer; and son, Rodger Farmer. Survivors include his wife Shirley Farmer of Wichita; son Rich and Sue Farmer of Bel Aire; daughter-in-law Jackie Farmer of Wichita; grandchildren Matt Farmer, Stacia Farmer, Me-



Farmer

lissa Farmer, Tara Farmer and Dylan Forrester; great-grandchildren, Zoe Forrester, Kaylie Bidwell, Keri Farmer, Mason Chappell, Talon Farmer and Atlin Farmer.

Funeral service was Feb. 24 at Hillside Funeral Home. Burial was Feb. 26 at Beechwood Cemetery, Ponca, Ark.

VELMA KROLL
Velma Ada Christina Niehus (Pope) Kroll, 97, died Feb. 20, 2015.

She was born Feb. 24, 1917, to Eldo and Anna Niehus of Fairmont, Okla.

She preceded in death by her husband, Pope Kroll, who died Feb. 20, 2015.

Funeral service was Feb. 24 at Zion Lutheran Church in Fairmont, with burial at Memorial Park Cemetery, Enid, Okla. Memorials to Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 600 N. Greenwich Road, Wichita KS 67206 or Zion Lutheran Church, 510 Fairmont Road, Fairmont, OK 73736. Downing & Lahey East Mortuary had charge.



Kroll

preceded in death by her husbands Herbert J. Pope and Herman H. Kroll; parents; sisters Tillie Meyer and Leona Cutter; and brothers Art, Willie and baby boy. Survivors include son Gerald (Arba Jo) Pope of Covington, Okla.; daughters Brenda (Keith) Leshner and Bonnie (Dakin) Cramer, both of Wichita, Sharlene (Vince) Micelli of Derby and Connie (David) Tajchman of Bel Aire; 11 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

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Sewer

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is structured, the contractor pays wages as specified under the Davis-Bacon Act, which calls for the “prevailing local wage” scale. That, along with some possible variables that the contractor may run into, pushed the estimate of the project up from what the engineer estimated.

Lasher said he can understand contractors wanting to make sure their costs are covered, as well as building in a profit, because it doesn’t make any business sense to lose money on a project.

Nowak Construction should start within a month.

In other action Feb. 3, the council:

- Witnessed presentation of the 2014 Distinguished New Professional Award to Drew Conwell, assistant director of the recreation department, by recreation director Brian Hayes. The award is from the Kansas Recreation and Park Association. The presentation, made at the beginning of the meeting, attracted a standing-room only crowd of Conwell’s friends, coworkers and department clients. “The city has given me a purpose and a cause,” Conwell said of his work at the department. Lee said, “we’re lucky to have him,” and Mayor David Austin said that Conwell has made the department “one of the best in the region.” The presentation, which included short speeches from Hayes and Conwell, ended with a standing ovation.
- Approved a change to the City Code that would take away the mandate of having court costs added to a parking ticket. Currently, such a ticket is about \$120 because some \$90 in court costs are attached to it. Mayor David Austin said having such a high fee for a parking ticket creates the wrong impression of the city, especially for an unlucky visitor who happens to get a ticket. “You remember those things,” he said.
- Approved a proposal from Countryside Lawn & Tree for mow-

ing of Bel Aire Park, Brookhouser Park and Denise Park along with lawn treatments for Rock Road Central Park entrance, two roundabouts next to City Hall, City Hall, Central Park swimming pool and The Landing entrance.

- Approved a proposal from Tree Top Nursery & Landscaping for mowing of City Hall, Central Park Rock Road entrance, two roundabouts next to City Hall, Central Park pool and The Landing entrance. Lasher said it’s less expensive to taxpayers to have private contractors handle the work.
- Approved a land sale of 4.8 acres to Zimmerman Properties for further development of Broadstone Villas. Price was \$20,000 an acre for a total of \$96,000.
- Approved appropriations of \$309,402.
- Went into executive session for 20 minutes to discuss topics related to attorney-client privilege and non-elected personnel matters. No action was taken from the session.

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Road

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each direction with a center turning lane.

Before the council meeting, a half-hour open house was held on the proposal in City Hall’s Community Room. About two dozen people attended the event and examined displays on the concept and asked questions of officials.

The open house’s purpose was to provide the public with details about road closures, construction timelines and the overall concept.

Most of those people went on to the regular scheduled council meeting, where they were allowed to comment on the project.

Not all were in favor of the three-lane plan — two in each direction with a middle turn lane.

Tom Heiman wanted a project with more lanes and said if the project has to be delayed until more funds are available, it should be.

A five-lane plan was drawn up as a possible alternative, but Mellies said there are a lot of downsides to it.

“It doesn’t make sense in this situation because of the number of access points,” he

said. It also would require the movement of utility lines, a huge and expensive undertaking, he said.

Mark Meisel, who lives on 37th, said a three-lane road “won’t do him any good.”

He said he can’t get out of his driveway in the morning, at the noon hour and late in the afternoon because of the traffic from Koch Industries workers, he said.

Council member Ken Lee, however, said that in his experience, a three-lane road is actually safer and will allow property owners to keep more of their front yard.

Meisel also wondered if there were any specials associated with the project and was told there wouldn’t be.

As designed, the construction would include six-foot wide sidewalks and bike paths, which was music to Jack Murphy’s ears.

“I like the bike lane options for getting people around,” he said.

Murphy is with Bike Walk Wichita and actually rode his bike to the meeting despite

the freezing weather.

In other action, the council:

- Adopted a resolution opposing the Kansas Legislature’s consideration of making municipal elections partisan and moving the elections to the fall of even-numbered years. It was a topic that sparked sharp opinions from the body. “We’ll get lost in a big election,” said council member Lee. He also said that elected officials in small-town government don’t need to be associated with political parties. Others concurred. Observing the outpouring of thoughts on the subject, Mayor David Austin remarked that “this is an emotional issue.”
- Approved appropriations in the amount of \$618,406.
- Authorized, after a lengthy discussion, a facility use agreement with Sunrise Christian Academy for it to use Bel Aire’s recreation facilities at no charge until June 1. The council was split on the issue as some members wanted to have the school pay for its use of the center, while others argued that the academy shares its resources with the city, so it’s a fairly even trade-off. The important thing, Austin said, is

to get something in writing dealing with the topic. By approving the use through the end of May, the council will be able to allow the school to use the facilities and yet have more time to study the issue and come up with a longer-term solution that is agreeable to both parties.

- Approved a change order valued at \$7,550 with Mies Construction Inc. of Wichita for additional work on the water main abandonment project along Edgemoor from 41st to 45th streets.
- Authorized a real estate contract with Kevin Arnel for about .5 acre at a price of \$4,935. The land squares off the northeast section of his farmland property.
- Approved the purchase of a 2015 Ford F-250 pickup for \$29,077 from Rusty Eck Ford. The vehicle is to replace two parks division trucks in need of major repairs. The cost of the repairs exceeds their value. However, several council members

wanted to ensure that the older vehicles were indeed at the end of their service life. They also said that the city should plan to get at least 10 years of service from the new truck. City officials say one of the advantages of the new vehicle is that it has four doors and will be able to transport personnel with ease.

- Went into executive session for 20 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel matters.

All five council members were present at the meeting. The next council meeting is at 7 p.m. March 3 at Bel Aire City Hall.

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ABOVE: The Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office released this photograph late February of a man they sought to interview as part of the homicide investigation.



LEFT: Detectives with the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office investigate 69th North east of Hillside Feb. 16. A body was found on the road Feb. 15.

Homicide

Continued from Page 1 suspects.”

Detectives were seeking assistance from anyone who may have traveled in the area between 5 and 6 p.m. Feb. 16. Authorities said they spoke with several citizens who live near the crime scene.

The sheriff's office also was trying to locate a 2001 to 2005 four-door dark-colored Buick LeSabre.

On Feb. 25, Capt. Greg Pollock with the sheriff's office said authorities are working with numerous agencies and are seeking assistance from the public in Kansas and Oklahoma to help identify a man appearing in a surveillance video.

The man is in his 20s and may travel between Wichita and



Childress

Tulsa, the sheriff's office said. “We would like to speak with this person in reference to our investigation,” Pollock said in a news

release.

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